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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for Continued Examination for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 9	\$
X	\$42	\$
+	\$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

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SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$18	\$ 648
X	\$84	\$ 672
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AMENDMENT FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 3, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on May 16, 2003. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 30, 2003 and was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 6, 2003. In lieu of a Brief on Appeal, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed. An extension of time to respond to file the Brief on Appeal is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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